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SUBJECT:PLANS FOR OASGA IN SANTIAGO IN APRIL 1976

1. CHILEAN PROPOSAL TO HOST NEXT OASGA WAS DISCUSSED
DURING MEETING WITH COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO
ON OCTOBER 1.

2. THE SECRETARY ASKED WHETHER THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
COULD BE HELD IN SANTIAGO, IN APRIL. FACIO DISCUSSED
THE INVITATION HE HAS RECEIVED TO VISIT CHILE AND
EXPLAINED THAT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT UNLESS SOME STEPS ARE
TAKEN BY THE CHILEANS TO IMPROVE THE CURRENT SITUATION,
INCLUDING ACCEPTING THE OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AGAIN.
HE MENTIONED THAT THE SAME CONSIDERATION WOULD MAKE IT
DIFFICULT TO AGREE AT THIS TIME TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING IN CHILE. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE
WITH CHILEAN ACTIONS AND SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO
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SEE A PORTUGUESE-TYPE SITUATION DEVELOP THERE. HE IN-

STRUCTURED ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS TO ADOPT THE SAME POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO USG SUPPORT FOR HOLDING THE OASGA IN SANTIAGO, AND EMBRACED THE NOTION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER TO CONVENE ONE ORGAN OF THE OAS -- THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- IN A COUNTRY WHICH WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH ANOTHER ORGAN OF THE ORGANIZATION -- THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. HE HOPED THAT FACIO WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE HIS TRIP, SINCE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN EXPLAINING TO THE CHILEANS THE REALITIES OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET IN SANTIAGO, SINCE SUCH A MEETING WOULD FIT TIDILY INTO HIS OWN TRAVEL PLANS, BUT HE AGREED THAT WHETHER THE OAS COULD AGREE TO DO SO WOULD TURN IN MAJOR PART ON THE CHILEAN WILLINGNESS TO MOVE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, INCLUDING WHETHER IT WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. KISSINGER

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